

Rob Williams set for return

ROB WILLIAMS, Wycombe Wanderers defender injured against Leatherhead almost a month ago, is set to make a return tomorrow (Saturday) when the Blues entertain Loughborough College at Loakes Park in a hastily arranged friendly.

Williams suffered a gash above the knee which necessitated four stitches and has been resting for the last three weeks. He could well be named as substitute and give the leg a run out tomorrow.

Apart from John Maskell, Wanderers report a clean bill of health and are likely to rearrange the side again, to give Mick Holifield, Alan Gane and Dave Bullock a chance to return.

Tomorrow's game was arranged as the scheduled opponents Corinthian Casuals are involved in an Amateur Cup replay against Fareham. No other Isthmian League sides were available so Secretary Bert Crump, contacted Loughborough who could not make the friendly on Wednesday, due to a U.A.U. match.

STERN TEST

Loughborough will provide a stern test for Wycombe. Eight of their players have had professional experience with youth teams and they have won the U.A.U. championship 18 times out of 26.

In the Amateur Cup last year they beat Evenwood in the first round before going out to Leytonstone after a replay. The year before they lost to Hayes.

Former Amersham Town goalkeeper Graham Cracknell is named in the side which includes four U.A.U. representatives. Several former Wanderers started at Loughborough including Ted Powell, Ken

Ward, Keith Blunt and Paul Birdseye.

Manager Brian Lee feels the College will be difficult to beat. "This game must be won to boost confidence. But Loughborough have two main assets, their tremendous fitness and a good team spirit," he said.

On Monday Wycombe will play their first Premier Midweek Floodlight League match with a visit to Wokingham

Town. On Wednesday they have another friendly at home to Carnegie College.

LOUGHBOROUGH: G. Cracknell, D. Birch, R. Davis, L. Kent, T. Purssell, J. Birchall, D. Cottrill, B. Barraclough, S. Palfrey, T. Whitmore, M. Tidy, sub. J. Thorpe.